

City of West Lafayette, Indiana  
Board of Public Works and Safety  
MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2010  
8:30 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Jonathan C. Speaker, Elizabeth M. Stull, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided. Member Bradley W. Marley was absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 7, 2010, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2010, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: September is National Preparedness Month - Mayor

Mayor Dennis read a proclamation, declaring September National Preparedness Month:

**National Preparedness Month – State of Indiana**

WHEREAS, The state of Indiana is vulnerable to disasters such as tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and house fires; and

WHEREAS, Hoosiers remain largely unprepared for disasters and other life-threatening emergencies,

WHEREAS, Experience tells us by preparing ahead of time—by getting an emergency preparedness kit, making a plan and being informed—people can better respond to, recover from, and lessen the physical, emotional and financial impact of a disaster or other emergency; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross and Indiana Department of Homeland Security want everyone to have the confidence and peace of mind that comes with being prepared; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to raise public awareness about the importance of preparing for all types of disasters and to encourage Americans to take action to prepare for disasters and emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette, IN do hereby proclaim September 2010 as National Preparedness Month.

b. Request for Street Closing: Linda Lane from Soldiers Home Road to Reba Drive – September 25, 2010 – Police

Sergeant Watson requested approval of the closure of Linda Lane from Soldiers Home Road to Reba Drive on Saturday, September 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a block party. The Police and Fire Departments have no objections.

Mr. Speaker moved that the request be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

c. Acceptance of Maintenance Bonds: Lauren Lakes Subdivision – Engineering

City Engineer Buck explained that Mann Properties, the developer of Lauren Lakes, would like to replace the two performance bonds on file with Area Plan Commission with two maintenance bonds. This is a standard practice, but the maintenance bonds were not presented, although the County accepted Section 1 for public use when it was in the County's jurisdiction. When the City annexed the property, it became West Lafayette's, and the maintenance bonds also are the City's. The performance bonds are for the actual cost of construction and for the actual construction to be guaranteed to meet criteria and specifications. The maintenance bonds are for a three-year period and are for 10% of the construction cost. The West Lafayette Department of Engineering has reviewed the performance bonds, and has done inspections in Section 1 of Lauren Lakes, to ensure that there are no performance issues. There were repairs to the storm infrastructure. Mr. Buck requested the Board's approval and acceptance of the maintenance bonds.

Mayor Dennis requested that Mr. Buck clarify maintenance bonds. City Engineer Buck responded that maintenance bonds are like warranties. The Mayor asked if, for example, a street goes bad, a curb crumbles and needs to be fixed, the maintenance bond is used to pay for the repair, that City funds would not be used. This is not cash deposited with the City. Mr. Buck said that the bonding company would be contacted for the repairs, that City funds would not be used.

Ms. Stull moved that the request be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

d. DBG Social Service Contract for 2010-2011: Family Services – Homemaker Services – \$3,325.00 – Development

Director of Development Poole presented the 2010-2011 contract with Family Services. It is the same as the other CDBG social service agreements that were approved at last week's Board meeting.

Mr. Speaker moved that the request be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

e. Claims

i. AP Docket	\$ 89,770.30
ii. AP Docket	190,384.77
iii. AP Docket for the Redevelopment Commission	580,686.37
iv. PR Docket	330,156.34

Ms. Stull moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department heads, department representatives, and Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes.

The motion was adopted.

f. Informational Items

i. Request for Quotes: Western Interceptor-Division II Access Trail Repair – due September 20, 2010 – Engineering

City Engineer Buck stated that he and Wastewater Utility Director Henderson had heard from Purdue University about erosion at both ends of a culvert on the City's maintenance path to the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division II. This area is also part of the University's walking and cross-country trail systems. The problem could cause problems accessing the manholes, and would be a hazard for those using the trails. The area is out of the original construction warranty period. The estimate is that the cost of the repair will not exceed \$5,000. Opening of the bids will be at next week's Board meeting.

g. Other Items

i. Police Chief Dombkowski reported that the weekend was a normal football weekend, with few Saturday morning issues, but a busier Saturday night.

ii. Parks Superintendent Payne mentioned that Sunday, September 12, is Art on the Wabash at Tapawingo Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mayor Dennis added that Sunday is also the day of the Hunger Hike.

iii. City Engineer Buck announced that the Engineering Department would be at the Farmers Market on Wednesday, providing information about roundabouts.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.